

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. The barricades started coming down yesterday in Nicosia and this morning most of the main thoroughfares were open to traffic.

b. In the Greek Cypriot areas, schools are open and economic activity is returning to normal. Turkish Cypriots, however, have been slow to respond; they are waiting to see how the new arrangements for their security work in practice.

c. Both communities are skeptical that next week's London talks will produce a lasting solution.

d. The Turkish side wants partition, or at least some sort of administrative separation. The Greeks continue to demand a broad revision of the constitution and an end to the right of Greece or Turkey to intervene.

2. France - Communist China

a. Foreign Minister Couve de Murville on Tuesday informed Ambassador Bohlen that a French decision has been made "in principle" in favor of recognizing Communist China.

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b. Couve added that the timing and the conditions are not yet fixed. He said he would try to get further details from De Gaulle and let us know in the next day or so.

c. Bohlen thought that the foreign minister seemed fully aware of all the implications of such a step and Couve indicated that De Gaulle is fully informed concerning the US position.

d. Later, Ambassador Bohlen mentioned the subject to De Gaulle at a social function, but De Gaulle did not comment.

e. Other senior French officials expressed the strong opinion that France would not recognize if this meant a break in relations with Taiwan.

3. Cuba-USSR

a. [redacted] Cuban pilots returned to Havana [redacted] after completing training with MIG-21s in the USSR.

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b. In addition, the Soviet passenger ship Krupskaya (capacity 350) brought back Cuban military people who had received missile and radar training in the Soviet Union.

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c. This latter group could be the Cuban technicians who will service and maintain the SAM and air defense equipment.

d. Most of the training of Cubans on Soviet equipment takes place in Cuba.

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4. India

a. We still are not quite sure what ails Nehru.

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c. The illness has, however, raised once again the problem of a successor, which Nehru has dodged for years.

d. The most likely candidate for his mantle, in our view, is Lal Bahadur Shastri, a 59-year-old Congress Party wheel horse. Formerly home minister, he is now devoting his time to rebuilding the party machine.

NOTES

A. USSR-US Moscow radio and the TASS news agency have featured extensive summaries of the President's State-of-the-Union message, while the party newspaper Pravda carried a brief account on an inside page. No editorial comment has yet appeared.

B. France [redacted]

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C. Communist China - Kenya [redacted]

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[redacted] Peiping has granted Kenya some \$200,000 to send students to China. Many African students who have studied in China in the past few years have been disillusioned by the racial discrimination and difficult living conditions they encounter.

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D. USSR-UAR Cairo has submitted new requests for military aid [redacted]

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E. Brazil [redacted] in addition to the Soviets, Brazil will invite Italian, American, Japanese, and French technicians to examine the site of the Sete Quedas power project. [redacted]

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[redacted] there is no question of any commitments for financing, either by the Soviets or anyone else.. [redacted]

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- F. China-Japan A late press report says that the Chinese Nationalists have decided to close down their embassy in Tokyo. Taipei is reacting to the Japanese decision to permit a Chinese defector to change his mind and return to the mainland.